

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

In the Drawing Figures:

Figures 1 and 2 have been labeled --BACKGROUND ART--, to be consistent with the specification in paragraphs [0014] and [0015].

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1-12, 14-25 and 33 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 19 and 33 are independent. Claims 13 and 26-32 have been canceled. Claims 33-34 have been added. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended.

Consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

**Election Requirement**

The Examiner has required an election between the following species:

Species I: Figs. 3-11 (claims 1-12, 14-18 and 33)

Species II: Figs. 12-17 (claims 19-25 and 33)

Species III: Figs. 18-25 (claims 26-31)

Species IV: Fig. 26 (claims 32-34)

Applicant elects Species I. Claims 1-12, 14-18 and 33 read on the elected species. Also, it is submitted that claim 33 is generic to Species I, II and IV.

**Proposed Drawing Amendments**

Applicant submits herewith, proposed drawing corrections to Figures 1 and 2. Figures 1 and 2 have been labeled --BACKGROUND ART--, to be consistent with the specification in paragraphs [0014] and [0015].

**Changes to the Specification and Claims**

Several instances in the specification and claims have been grammatically revised.


**CONCLUSION**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott L. Lowe (Reg. No. 41,458) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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